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SUBJECT: HAWK SALE

1. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH RIFAI MORNING SEPTEMBER 13 OF ANOTHER SUBJECT, HE RAISED WITH ME A QUESTION ABOUT WHAT DID ALL THE PRESS REPORTS COMING FROM THE UNITED STATES MEAN? THERE WERE STATEMENTS MADE TO THE PRESS IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH INDICATED JORDAN WOULD BE ASKED TO AGREE TO RESTRICTIONS ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF HAWKS AND ALSO ON THE TIME OF DELIVERY.
2. I TOLD RIFAI THAT THE MESSAGE WHICH THE KING HAD RECEIVED FROM THE SECRETARY ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, WAS THE ONLY THING I HAD BEEN ASKED TO DISCUSS WITH
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JORDAN. I WAS SURE THAT IF THE ADMINISTRATION WANTED

JORDAN TO CONSIDER
ANYTHING FURTHER, THEY WOULD APPROACH
THE GOJ THROUGH ME FOR SUCH A DISCUSSION. MEANWHILE,
I ASKED RIFAI TO TREAT THESE PRESS STORIES MERELY AS
SUCH AND NOT TO BEGIN TO MAKE ASSUMPTIONS THAT WERE
NOT WARRANTED.

3. RIFAI ADDED THAT KING YESTERDAY HAD CALLED THE
SHAH TO EXTEND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF GENERAL
KHATEMI, CHIEF OF THE IRANIAN AIR FORCE. SHAH HAD
RAISED WITH KING THE LETTER WHICH WAS WRITTEN TO AMERICAN
SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN BY KING HUSSEIN. SHAH TOLD
KING THAT IT WAS DEMEANING FOR HIM TO HAVE TO DO THIS
AND ASKED WHY KING HAD WRITTEN THE LETTER. RIFAI SAID
IT HAD TAKEN HIM ALL MORNING TO CALM THE KING DOWN WHO,
ON THE BASIS OF THE PHONE CALL AND THE PRESS REPORTS,
WAS ABOUT TO SEND OFF A MESSAGE TO US SAYING TO FORGET
THE HAWK DEAL. RIFAI SAID KING HAS CALMED DOWN AT
THIS POINT AND THEY ALL STILL HOPE FOR THE BEST.

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